



Emerald Lake Village District  
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Emerald Lake Village District (ELVD) Commissioners' Monthly Meeting

Thursday, January 22, 2026

In attendance:

Sara Auger (Chairman/Commissioner)  
Brett Taber (Commissioner)  
Mark Przybyla (Commissioner)  
Lorinda Giarrusso (District Clerk)

Other people in attendance:

Melissa Taber

Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Roll call of officials completed. The meeting was called to order at 6:31 pm by Commissioner Auger. We had a quorum.

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**Public Comments:**

None

**POWERS GENERATOR RECOMMENDATIONS:**

Commissioner Auger reported that BOTH scheduled generator maintenances were performed. Commissioner Taber reported that we had had two (2) generators down. It was determined that both generators had the same fault on the starter drive gear- it had sheared off. The Contractor only had one (1) new unit in his truck, so he fixed Meetinghouse. In order to fix the generator at Hummingbird Beach, the cost to replace the starter will be between \$200.00-\$280.00 and another \$150.00 for labor. Commissioner Taber stated he went online and looked up on OEM, and it showed \$188.00-\$400.00 for a starter kit. Commissioner Auger stated she was OK having our

current Contractor do the repair and installation. As soon as they reach out with their Work Order, we will schedule ASAP.

#### **DWGTF DOCUMENTS: (Drinking Water Ground Trust Fund)**

Commissioner Taber stated that the reminder email that we got from our NH State Rep. and Cheryl Bondi stated that when they sent us the Approval, on 12/18, from the Trust Fund, they would fund the loan Trust Fund /Grant, and to let them know the dates we would be moving forward and they would need some documents, meaning the Approved Board Approval and the Amend Agreement Application. The follow-up that we need to do with Cheryl and the Rep. is to let them know our timeline and that we will be submitting it as a Warrant Article at our Annual Meeting. It was my understanding that when we submitted the Application that we had already submitted a Vote of Approval document and the amended request. I will ask Wright Pierce, did we already submit that, and it didn't get to the State? Since the State approved it, I thought they already had what they needed. "I will reach out to the State and see what they need and give them the timeline of our Annual Meeting".

Commissioner Taber stated if we need a new Vote of Authority, we can still meet our deadlines and we can do it at next Thursday's meeting if needed. They want to have enough time to process documents and have enough time for Governors' Counsel.

#### **PROJECT UPDATES:**

##### **Eastman:**

Commissioner Auger reported that HACH will be here on 2/6/26 to finally calibrate the chlorine analyzers. Aquaman has reached out requesting permission to activate the Eastman well at that time. All should be online. We got the OK from Randall that we met the condition of Approval and we can move forward.

Commissioner Taber stated that when they did the initial pilot program, they were only running 10,000-12,000 gallons a day through that. It is approved or rated up to 28,000 so depending on our needs, Aquaman will be able to adjust the output to that. Once Meetinghouse is online, currently, with the processing and evaluation, it is not co-mingled with Mary Rowe so it's one or the other. We were getting, for Mary Rowe, (5,000 gallons/day) which will now be supplemented by the 10,000-12,000 on Eastman and as they develop further, they are trying to analyze if they can co-mingle, or not, and treat it the same way. Then, we'll know whether we have dual source or not.

##### **PATTEN HILL:**

Commissioner Auger stated the Arsenic treatment is online. Both Chlorine Analyzers need to be calibrated. She asked Commissioner Taber, "are they planning on doing it on the same day? He said yes".

Commissioner Taber reported that Aquaman and IOLA Electric have been here this week developing more of the programming for SCADA and the vessels, trying to have that developed ahead of time.

**LCCR:**

Commissioner Auger reported that she will do a follow-up and see if any of the submissions were qualified to be knocked off of the unknown list. Thank you to all residents who took pictures of their lines and provided this important information. I will update our records.

**OTHER ITEMS:**

Commissioner Auger reported that we received the Aquaman's Hummingbird Disbursement #10, which was signed and submitted in the amount of \$85,464.64. Commissioner Taber stated we have already received reimbursement from the State, so he reminded the Board that we need to pay Wickson this month.

**Water Main – Final Disbursement:**

Commissioner Auger reported that the final disbursement was submitted in January. The Grant is now closed for the DWGTF portion. We expended the amount of \$363,385.14 out of the \$390,000.00. Commissioner Taber stated that the SRF portion is still open. He will find out how long we have. If there are any elements we could apply to the roadway portion, (not the SRF funded portion; no matching Trust fund) this might be an opportunity, realizing that whatever date they have for significant completion, a year later, prompts the beginning of the mortgage or loan payments.

**Hummingbird Well Project:**

Commissioner Taber reported that the building is fully closed in. They are waiting for approval and submittals for all the doors, and they just finished the submittals of all the various paints. They painted the Electrical room, and the Electricians were on site marking up the building, prepping and marking where everything should go. They should be onsite, tomorrow and most of next week and doing the electrical installs. Most of the interior walls are in place with the plastic liner for water barriers and things are going very well.

**Upcoming Projects:**

Commissioner Auger reported that Bid Solicitation Notices are out for Hummingbird Beach and the Summer Maintenance. They were sent to The Messenger and put on NH Municipal. We have received quite a lot of inquiries, already. The ads will run for one (1) advertisement cycle.

### **FREE WELL TESTING TO RESIDENTS:**

Commissioner Taber stated that over the Fall, the State was doing well testing communication. I had reached out to Hillsboro Conservation Commission to see what options they have and what areas they were working on, in the area – They were both ELVD private wells as well as the Town's. They have organized a workshop with the State of NH (NHDES) will be occurring on **2/19/26 @ six (6 pm) at the Hillsboro Deering Middle School**. This will be providing education on Resident's private wells, and they will be offering a free well test, whether they're in ELVD or Hillsboro and Windsor. If they wish to attend the meeting, they can sign up to have their well tested and they will be looking for radon, arsenic, lead and PFAs, and depending on those results, some private wells and residents might be eligible for private state funding to help with the cost for treatment. I'll put the information on our website and post it around the District. If they wish to attend, sign up with the email for NHDES provided. This represents \$400.00 VALUE and is being offered at **no cost to residents.**

### **ROAD CONTRACT AND MAINTENANCE:**

Commissioner Taber reported that our Road Contractor has reported it has already been a "hard winter". In January, we paid for our last installment in February 2025- March 2026 season. Normally we would pay for it in February, but we paid for it early in January. He has asked the Board if we are able to split up The March payment? I did explain to him that we would then be overpaying the March payment. On our calendar year, we could adjust so we don't go over Budget. Commissioner Auger stated that 's a problem because we would be overpaying. Commissioner Taber stated that right out of the gate, we would be paying \$57,000.00 (on the very first payment of the new contract year) and there's a potential that if we run into any problems in the Springtime, we could be out those funds. We want to keep service going due to the big storm coming. If we pay anything in February, any amounts will have to be pro-rated, and any overpayment would have to be paid back. Commissioner Auger said that answer is "no" and she will tell him. Commissioner Przybyla asked, "is he not going to raise his rates? Commissioner Taber reminded the Board that we are locked into a four (4) year contract. Commissioner Auger reminded the Board that we have already made an early payment in January instead of February.

### **COLD WEATHER:**

**Commissioner Auger wanted to remind our Residents to the potential of pipes bursting in the severe freezing weather coming this weekend. It would be a good idea to look into heat tape, and insulation on your pipes. Be alert for any water leaks and watch out for your neighbors and elderly residents.**

**LEAK:**

Commissioner Taber stated, Aquaman is evaluating the increase of usage of flow in the Spring zone. They have narrowed it down to Megan Lane as contributing to that. It appears that a property curb stop was broken off by a plow. They are asking for permission to fix it. I would say yes BUT right now my assumption is if it is not a physical leak, with the ground so frozen right now, do we wait until the ground unfreezes for bidding as well as them trying to fix in severe weather? Commissioner Przybyla stated, if it's not actively leaking, we should probably wait. Commissioner Taber stated he will go by and look at it. He would prefer to have a below-grade box, so we don't lose it a week later with all the bad weather and plowing coming. Commissioner Taber wants to have a discussion with them concerning the proximity to the driveway and any other damage there might be. It was agreed to wait for the repair as it is not an active leak.

**APPROVE MEETING MINUTES FOR JANUARY 4, 2026:**

**A MOTION WAS MADE** to approve January 4, 2026, Meeting Minutes as written. **MOTION SECONDED** by Commissioner Taber. **ALL IN FAVOR.**

**WATER FINES:**

**REPUTATION ISSUE: feedback regarding Water Fine issues:**

It was decided by the Board that this would be done in a Non-Public Meeting. Commissioner Taber **MADE A MOTION** to have a Non-Public Meeting following the guidelines of RSA per

RSA.~~67\_A\_~~<sup>98(c)</sup> so as to not adversely affect reputation. Commissioner Przybyla **SECONDED THE MOTION.** Commissioner Taber voted AYE. Commissioner Auger voted AYE. Commissioner Przybyla voted AYE. **ALL IN FAVOR.**

Commissioner Auger **MADE A MOTION** to adjourn the meeting at 6:55PM. Commissioner Przybyla **SECONDED THE MOTION. ALL IN FAVOR.**

TIME MEETING ADJOURNED: 6:55 PM.

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Sara Auger, Commissioner

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Date

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Brett Taber, Commissioner

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Mark Przybyla, Commissioner

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Date

Respectfully submitted by Lorinda Giarrusso, District Clerk.

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**POST MEETING: (Non-Public Meeting)**

**Emerald Lake Village District**

Office: 147 West Main Street, Hillsborough, NH  
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Thursday, January 22, 2026 @ 7:23 PM  
Back into Public session  
Location: Main Office

In attendance:

Sara Auger (Commissioner)  
Brett Taber (Commissioner)  
Mark Przybyla (Commissioner)

The board came back into public session @ 7:23 pm.

A motion was made by Commissioner Auger to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Commissioner Przybyla. A voice vote was held with all three commissioners indicating a yes vote for the motion.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:24 PM

This portion submitted by:

Brett Taber \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved by:

Commissioner Auger \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Commissioner Taber \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Commissioner Przybyla \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

